

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 6 been amended to have independent form including all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Inventorship

This application names joint inventors, and the Examiner has accurately presumed that the subject matter of all claims was commonly owned at the time the inventions were made. An assignment of this application has been so recorded at Reel/Frame 014694/0973.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Baldszun (U. S. 4,560,269). In response, these claims have been canceled and the subject matter of claim 1 has been incorporated into claims 4 and 6.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baldszun (U. S. 4,560,269) in view of Tanner et al. (U. S. 6,767,607). In response, claim 5 has been canceled.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baldszun (U. S. 4,560,269) in view of Oldenburg et al. (U. S. 6,027,695). In response, claim 6 has been canceled.


Claim 7 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baldszun (U. S. 4,560,269) in view of Farina et al. (U. S. 6,752,967).). In response, claim 7 has been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claim 1 and rejected claim 2. Claim 4 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1 and 2 and claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1.

Applicant believes that this application contains patentable subject matter and that the foregoing explanation provides a basis for favorable consideration and allowance of all claims; such allowance is respectfully requested. If any matter needs to be resolved before allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicant's representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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